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Dear Dr. Lederberg

Here is the stuff. If it's too bad I won't go on with it, but the second half is being worked up pretty fast.

I would like you to indicate the following things -- maybe by numerals in the margin, to cut down on any writing you might have to do.

1. What ought not to be said
2. What you would not say, although I might
3. What you too would say.

I'm impressed by the primacy you give to clinical medicine in your chapter in the AIBS volume -- as you put it, the needs of an abstract mankind vs. those of individual men and women, the "alleviation of individual distress."

You play down more than I would the value of thinking about things ahead of time.

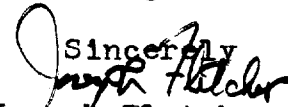
My own schema is put precisely in your AIBS chapter: "the whole continuum of technical interventions in human reproduction."

Of course Paul Ramsey would misquote you and misrepresent you, just as he does all the rest of us. He has to, to expound his troglodyte postures.

DON'T MAKE A CHORE OF THIS. BUT -- if you find this kind of effort by an ethicist (not a biologist) worthwhile to somebody I'd dearly love to have you write a terse Lederbergian introduction, at any length you like. Doubleday is the publisher.

This is only the first dictated draft, nearly lifeless. I'll rewrite it and polish it - which you would see in toto if you are willing to do a benign introduction.

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Sincerely  
  
Joseph Fletcher